KEROSENE OIL—SUPPLY OF

143. Mr. P. Narayana Menon (*Trippunittura*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of kerosene oil supplied to each ration card-holder in (*i*) Municipal Towns (*ii*) in villages of each Taluk;

(*b*) if the quantity given in villages is less and in the villages of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk least—why ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Every month ¾ bottle of kerosene oil is being supplied to card-holders in non-electrified houses and ¼ bottle to those in electrified houses. No distinction is shown between card-holders living in Municipal Towns and in Villages. The reduced rate-distribution in rural areas in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk in certain months is due to the late receipt of stock from surplus areas.

TAPIOCA

144. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*). Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total quantity of tapioca purchased by the Government or private licensed agencies of the Government after 1st Chingam up to 30th Thulam 1120;

(*b*) whether any quantity was purchased from private tapioca cultivators in the State;

(*c*) if so, how much and from whom;

(*d*) the quantity of sago manufactured and purchased by the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(*a*) 663 tons. 19 cwts. 26 lbs.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 12 tons 9 cwts. 2 lbs. from the following persons.—

1. P. M. Hassan, Karuthakad, Vadakancheri.
2. Manichappara Velukutty, Master Parlikad.
3. K. P. Lonappan and Sons., Irinjalakkuda.

(*d*) The quantity manufactured is 59 tons 15 cwts. 63 lbs. No sago has been purchased by Government from the factory owners.

145. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

the number and names of companies to whom licences were granted to purchase tapioca and manufacture sago, etc. ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

5 factories have been licensed to manufacture sago and flakes out of the surplus tapioca in the State. They are the following.—

1. The Indian Cashewnuts and Plantations Ltd; Trichur.
2. The Malabar Cashewnuts and Produces, Ltd., Trichur.
3. The Cochin Sago's Trichur.
4. Factory run by Messrs. K. P. Lonappan and Sons, Irinjalakkuda, and
5. Factory owned by Messrs. Kunnampuzha Inasu Anthappan and others at Vadakkancheri.

146. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any stock of sago from tapioca now with them;

(*b*) will they please inform whether they are aware of the absence of this stuff in any market in Cochin State;

(*c*) will they be pleased to grant quotas to Taluks for distribution through Fair Price shops to meet demands adequately ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is little demand for this article in the State. It is available also in the market at Trichur.

(*c*) Arrangements will be made to sell the article in the various taluks through private retailers if there is demand for it.

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